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STATE OF MONTANA
INVITATION FOR BID ADDENDUM
IFB NO. 13-2736V

TO BE OPENED: May 3, 2013

TITLE: Vegetation Monitoring, Sampling and Mapping at Ft. Harrison and Limestone Hills Training Areas

ADDENDUM NO. 3

To All Bidders:

Attached are written questions received in response to this IFB. These questions, along with the State's response, become an official amendment to this IFB.

All other terms of the subject "Invitation for Bid" are to remain as previously stated.

Acknowledgment of Addendum:

The bidder for this solicitation must acknowledge receipt of this addendum. This page must be submitted at the time set for the bid opening or the bid may be disqualified from further consideration.

I acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 3

Signed: _____

Company Name: _____

Date: _____

Sincerely,

Rick Dorvall
Contracts Officer

****Please contact Rick Dorvall via email at rickdorvall@mt.gov or by phone at (406) 444-3366 to obtain copies of Task 1 & 2 requirements for Monitoring, Sampling and Mapping at Ft. Harrison and Limestone Hills Training Areas****

Question Number	Page Number	Section Number	Questions & Answers for IFB # 13-2736V
1.	9	Task 1	<p>Q. Can I receive a copy of the ecodata sampling protocols? Ecodata “plots” can entail a variety of plot sizes and sample measures depending on objectives and protocol source. The IFB does not identify the specific ecodata plot protocols. A copy of the established sampling protocols would allow us to determine an applicable cost estimate.</p> <p>A. Vendors can download and review a copy of the <i>2012 Vegetation Monitoring at Fort Harrison and Limestone Hills and Appendix</i> (reflects Task #1 requirements); the <i>2012 Riparian Inventory and Health Assessment of the Eastern Portion of the Limestone Hills Training Area and Appendix</i> (reflects Task #2 requirements); and the <i>2012 Upland Inventory and Health Assessment of the Eastern Portion of the Limestone Hills Training Area</i> (reflects Task #2 requirements) on the State of Montana website at the following link. https://app.mt.gov/epass/epass/login?state=NDc1NjUAODk4MDQA</p>
2.	10-11	Task 2	<p>Q. Will vegetation life forms be pre-stratified or will that be the responsibility of the consultant?</p> <p>A. Vendors can download and review a copy of the <i>2012 Vegetation Monitoring at Fort Harrison and Limestone Hills and Appendix</i> (reflects Task #1 requirements); the <i>2012 Riparian Inventory and Health Assessment of the Eastern Portion of the Limestone Hills Training Area and Appendix</i> (reflects Task #2 requirements); and the <i>2012 Upland Inventory and Health Assessment of the Eastern Portion of the Limestone Hills Training Area</i> (reflects Task #2 requirements) on the State website at https://app.mt.gov/epass/epass/login?state=NDc1NjUAODk4MDQA</p>
3.	10-11	Task 2	<p>Q. Just to clarify, do you want the cost per acre for 6000 acres or 600 acres?</p> <p>A. The bid on Task #2 should be given as the cost to sample 600 acres (which is the 10% of 6000 acres). The 10% sample size allows for adequate representation of the overall survey area and has proven to be the most cost effective for our management needs.</p>

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4.			<p>Q. Do you have a requirement for the GPS type or accuracy capability to be used for mapping and plot location?</p> <p>A. At a minimum, mapping grade GPS (< 3 M accuracy) using WAAS correction will be used.</p>
5.			<p>Q. Can we acquire a copy of a past report for each of the three tasks, so that we can be sure to take into account all the items you would like in a report and incorporate the workload into our cost estimate?</p> <p>A. Vendors can download and review a copy of the <i>2012 Vegetation Monitoring at Fort Harrison and Limestone Hills and Appendix</i> (reflects Task #1 requirements); the <i>2012 Riparian Inventory and Health Assessment of the Eastern Portion of the Limestone Hills Training Area and Appendix</i> (reflects Task #2 requirements); and the <i>2012 Upland Inventory and Health Assessment of the Eastern Portion of the Limestone Hills Training Area</i> (reflects Task #2 requirements) on the State website at https://app.mt.gov/epass/epass/login?state=NDc1NjUAODk4MDQA</p>
6.	9	Task 1	<p>Q. " The contractor will sample existing ecodata plots and/or create new ecodata plots based on the direction and guidance of ENV personnel, normally provided in early spring in writing. There are currently over 120 ecodata plots and 60 transects throughout the two training areas, some dating back to the mid-1990s. Some of the plot locations are quite remote and at least a half mile from the nearest road and may be on steep and rocky terrain. After each monitoring season, a detailed report will be submitted to the ENV office by the end of February. This report will contain a summary of the monitoring data to include vegetation canopy cover, ground cover, woody plant counts, management recommendations, as well as visual inventory of noxious weeds, erosion, range condition, and species of concern. Colored photographs (4 inch by 5 inch) of each plot shall be taken and submitted in this report."</p> <p>I have performed ECODATA plots in the past and this sounds like you are describing just ECODATA's General Form, but with over 20 possible additional forms more intensified ECODATA plots, I must ask - Is this just the General Form? Would there be any chance to see the data tables from a couple of the 120 existing ECODATA plots? This might answer my question just as well.</p>

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